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REMARKS

Claims 76-100 are pending in the present application. No claims have been cancelled, amended or added by this Reply. Accordingly, claims 76-100 are currently under consideration. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable.

Claim Rejections Under Doctrine of Double Patenting.

Claims 76-100 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-75 of U.S. Patent No. 6,630,842.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c). Applicant respectfully requests that the above-cited rejection under the doctrine of double patenting be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 306812002601. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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